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FIELD OFFICE TECHNICAL GUIDE

CHANGE NOTICE 96

Purpose. To transmit technical documents to be inserted into the local FOTG.

Effective. This notice is effective when received.

Section I

Reference Table of Contents – Replaces previous contents page.

Urban Conservation - This is new general information developed for the Florida FOTG to illustrate the agencies interest to work on urban conservation concerns.

Maps Table of Contents – Replaces previous contents page.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District Regulatory Offices Map – This map information has been revised.

Common Resource Areas Map – This is a new map that reflects the current revisions made to Florida's Common Resource Areas.

Wood Stork Nesting Colonies Map - This is a new map that identifies officially recognized nesting sites around the state.

Florida Guidance for Performing Certified Wetland Determinations - This information has been revised to reflect current policies.

Documentation for Certified Wetland Determinations with attachments - This information has been revised to reflect current policies. Please note that some of the referenced materials are nationally developed and we are unable to put a Florida FOTG file code.

Functional Assessment Procedure - This is new information that has been included into the FOTG that reflect current policies.

Federal & State Agency Wetland Program Contacts - This is new information that has been included into the FOTG that reflect current policies on coordination among other agencies.

Filing Instructions

Section I

Remove and Archive

Insert

Reference Table of Contents, Page i, Section I (A), September 2003.	Reference Table of Contents, Page i, Section I (A), November 2003 behind the Reference List tab.
-----	Urban Conservation, Section I (A) (8), November 2003 behind the National Resources Inventory page.
Maps Table of Contents, Page i, Section I – Maps, September 2003.	Maps Table of Contents, Page i, Section I – Maps, November 2003 behind the Maps tab.
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District Regulatory Offices, Federal Page 5, February 2003.	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District Regulatory Offices, Federal Page 5, November 2003 between Federal Page 4 & 6.
-----	Common Resource Areas (State-Wide Map), Resource Page 16, November 2003, between Resource Page 15 & 17.
-----	Wood Stork Nesting Colonies, Florida, Resource Page 22, November 2003 after Resource Page 21
Florida Guidance for Performing Certified Wetland Determinations, November 2002.	Florida Guidance for Performing Certified Wetland Determinations, Page 1-2, Section (E) (1) (b) 1, November 2003.
Why Florida's Wetlands are Important and attachments, and Corps Facts, Vol. 5 No4, August 1994.	Documentation for Certified Wetland Determinations, Page 1 of 1, Section I (E) (1) (b) 2, November 2003, with attachments NRCS-CPA-38NRCS-CPA-026E, NRCS-CPA-31, COE Data Form, FL-CPA-42 behind the Florida Guidance for Performing Certified Wetland Determinations, Page 2.
-----	Functional Assessment Procedure, Page 1 of 1, Section I (E) (1) (b) 5, November 2003, behind the Florida Evaluation for Determining Wetland Minimal Effect Exemptions.
-----	Federal and State Agency Wetland Program Contacts, Page 1 of 1, Section I (E) (1) (b) 7, November 2003 behind the Wetland Job Approval Authorities.

Section II

State & Federal Listed Species for Florida & Associated Habitats - This list has been revised.

State & Federal Listed Species for Florida & Associated Habitats (Indian River & Brevard Counties Only) – In Florida an individual list of State & Federal Listed Species for Florida & Associated Habitats has been prepared for each county. Indian River & Brevard county lists have revised.

Threatened and Endangered Species Information Sheets - Information sheets for Audubon's Crested Caracara, Bald Eagle, Eastern Indigo Snake, Flatwoods Salamander, Florida Grasshopper Sparrow, Red-Cockaded Woodpecker, and Wood Stork have been developed and incorporated into the FOTG.

Critical Habitat for Threatened and Endangered Species - Critical Habitat for the American Crocodile, Cape Sable Seaside Sparrow, Choctawhatchee Beach Mouse, Everglades Snail Kite, Florida Manatee, Perdido Key beach Mouse, Piping Plover, and the Silver Rice Rat have been developed and incorporated into the FOTG.

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Section II

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Insert

State & Federal Listed Species for Florida & Associated Habitats, Page 1 – 11, Section II (D) (1) (b), September 2003.	State & Federal Listed Species for Florida & Associated Habitats, Page 1 – 11, Section II (D) (1) (b), November 2003 behind Federal & State Protected Species List, Section II (D) (1) (a) within the Wildlife Interpretations section.
Indian River & Brevard Counties State & Federal Listed Species December 2002 where applicable.	Indian River & Brevard Counties State & Federal Listed Species November 2003, where applicable.
-----	Threatened and Endangered Species Information Sheets, Audubon's Crested Caracara, Bald Eagle, Eastern Indigo Snake, Flatwoods Salamander, Florida Grasshopper Sparrow, Red-Cockaded Woodpecker, and Wood Stork behind your county State & Federal Listed Species within the Wildlife Interpretations section.

-----	Critical Habitat for the American Crocodile, Cape Sable Seaside Sparrow, Chotahathee Beach Mouse, Everglades Snail Kite, Florida Manatee, Perdido Key beach Mouse, Piping Plover, and Silver Rice Rat, Sections II (D) (3) (d) (i- ix) behind the T&E Species Information Sheet – Wood Stork.
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